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SUBJECT: JORDAN TO CONSIDER ANTI-PIRACY EFFORTS

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(S) In a December 18 meeting, Ambassador and Chief of the Royal Court Nasser Al-Lozi explored the possibility of Jordanian assistance in anti-piracy efforts. Lozi made clear that Jordan fully supported such efforts and, in principle, would like to help. He cautioned, however, that the relatively small size and limited capabilities of Jordan's naval forces made it unclear how Jordan could play a useful role. Jordan might, he speculated, be able to contribute a small number of personnel to ongoing or future efforts. Lozi concluded by agreeing to consider ways that Jordan could help if requested to do so.

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